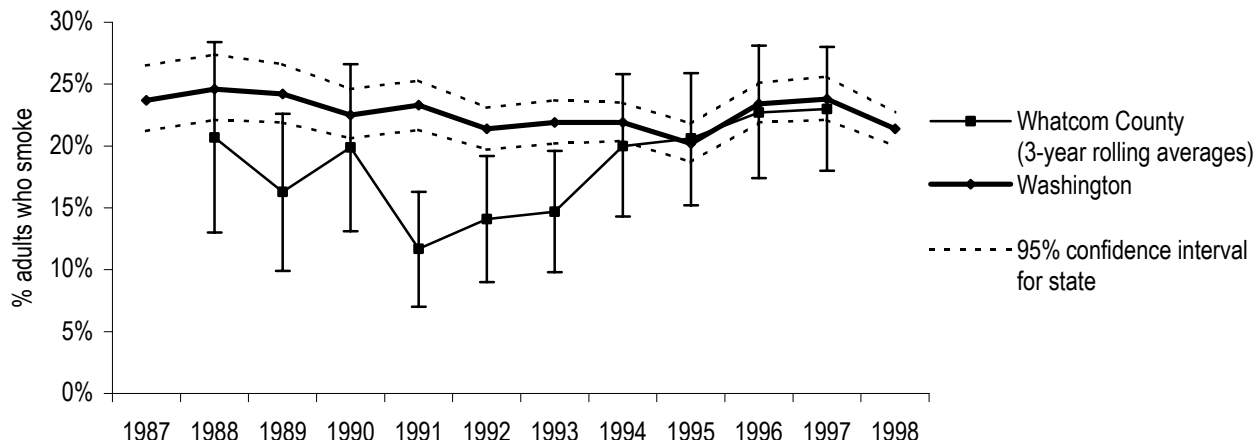


Whatcom County Population =165,500 (26% under age 18)

Adult Tobacco Use

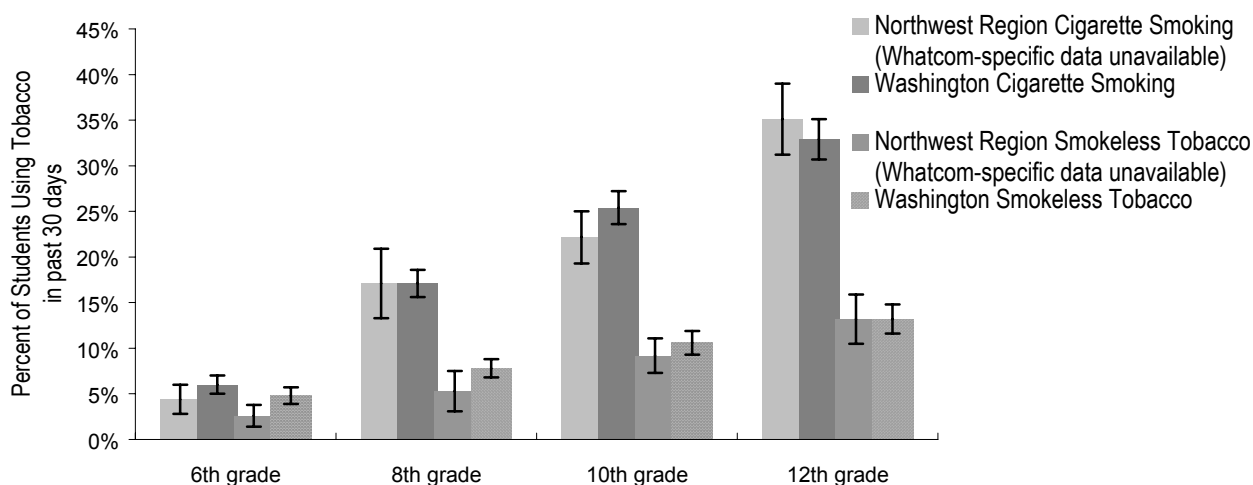
Current Cigarette Smoking (1987-1998)



Current Smokeless Tobacco Use (1993-1997)

	Entire adult population	Males only
Whatcom County	3.5% (95%CI:1.7,7.0)	7.2% (95%CI:3.6,14.2)
Washington State	2.9% (95%CI:2.5,3.8)	5.7% (95%CI:5.0,6.5)

Youth Tobacco Use (1998)

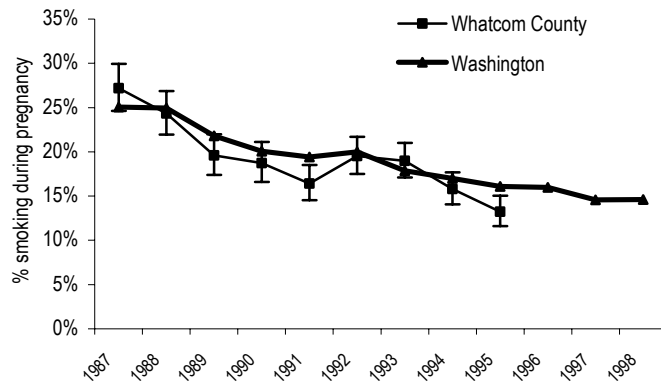


Summary of the problem

- ☐ Adult smoking was significantly lower than the state rate prior to 1994, but has since risen to closely approximate the state rate; there is no apparent difference from the state rate of smokeless tobacco use.
- ☐ Youth smoking for the Northwest Region is lower among 6th and 10th grade groups, but higher than the state rate for 12th graders; youth smokeless tobacco use is lower among 6th and 8th grade groups, but similar among 10th and 12th grade groups.
- ☐ Maternal smoking during pregnancy closely approximates the state rate, but more recent complete reporting is necessary to examine current trends.
- ☐ Retailer compliance appears somewhat worse than the state overall (retailers are more likely than average to sell tobacco to minors).

Estimated number of current adult and youth smokers who will die prematurely as a result of tobacco use: 9,600

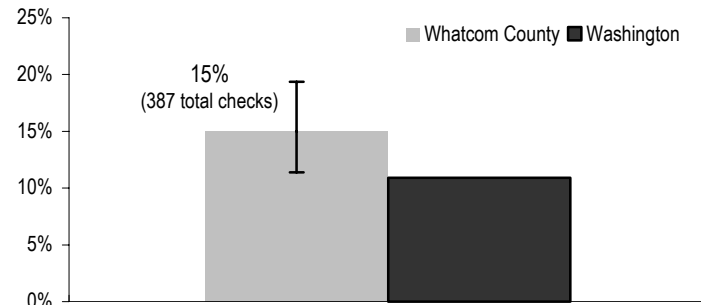
Smoking During Pregnancy (1987-1998)



Infants born annually to mothers who smoke during pregnancy: 117
Data not shown for years where more than 20% of smoking information is missing.

Minors Access to Tobacco (1998-1999)

Percent Sales to Minors



Number of tobacco retailers in county: 269

Health at Risk (Estimated numbers for county)

Adults who currently smoke	26,600
Adults who currently use smokeless tobacco	3,600
Youth who currently smoke	3,300
Youth who currently use smokeless tobacco	1,400
ESTIMATED ANNUAL DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO USE	230

Current Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Activities

Highlights during 1999

- ✓ Trained more than 100 teens, who reached 600 children with anti-tobacco presentations.
- ✓ Printed and are distributing 10,000 smokefree restaurant guides with coupons.
- ✓ Conducted a local youth tobacco summit on tobacco issues for 60 local adults who work with youth.

Annual Funding for Program (12-month funding amounts, FY 1999)

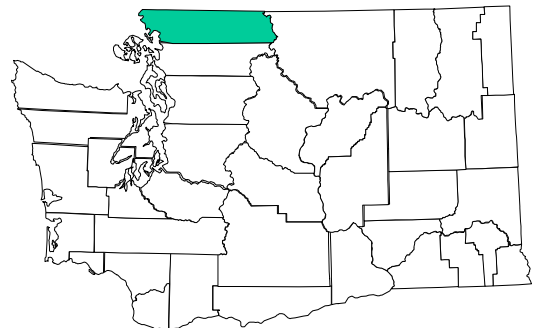
Source	Amount
Youth Access (Retailer License Fees)	\$ 20,198
CDC Grant	\$ 9,040
Total Per Capita Funding	\$.18

Agency receiving funding

Whatcom County Health & Human Services
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CDC Recommended Community Per Capita Funding: \$.70-2.00

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TECHNICAL NOTES: (ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IN APPENDIX B)

TOTAL DEATHS DUE TO TOBACCO USE ARE ESTIMATED AS 19% OF ALL DEATHS (MCGINNIS AND FOEGE 1993); "DUMBBELL" BARS AROUND DATA POINTS FOR SURVEY DATA REPRESENT 95% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS – THE TRUE VALUE MAY BE ANYWHERE WITHIN THE BARS, BUT MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AT THE DATA POINT; NUMBER OF ADULTS/YOUTH WHO WILL DIE PREMATURELY FROM TOBACCO USE IS ESTIMATED AS 33% OF CURRENT ADULT SMOKERS (MMWR 1996), AND 21% OF CURRENT YOUTH SMOKERS –WHO MAY 'GROW OUT OF' SMOKING BEHAVIOR (USDHHS 1994); "CURRENT ADULT/YOUTH TOBACCO USERS" ARE SYNTHETIC ESTIMATES BASED ON STATEWIDE AGE-SPECIFIC PREVALENCE; FUNDING LEVELS FOR COUNTIES WERE CALCULATED BASED ON DEDICATED YOUTH TOBACCO PREVENTION FUNDS AND CDC FUNDS MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – COUNTIES MAY SUCCESSFULLY SEEK ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR TOBACCO CONTROL FROM OTHER SOURCES; "HIGHLIGHTS DURING 1999" WERE IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL PROGRAM STAFF; "CDC RECOMMENDED FUNDING" IS BASED ON BEST PRACTICES FOR TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMS (CDC 1999).

